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1. SUMMARY: TELL ZAATAR STILL HOLDS OUT, AS CHRISY PURSUE DELIBERATE SALAMI TACTIC, AND EVINCE SOME CONCERN FOR EXPECTED PRISONERS. HIGH LEVEL OF VIOLENCE CONTINUES ON SECONDARY FRONTS AND ELSEWHERE IN COUNTRY. SAUDI AND SUDANESE PEACE FORCE CONTINGENTS ARRIVE. ARAB LEAGUE SEC GEN AND TUNISIAN AND BAHRAINI AMBASSADORS ARRIVED IN JOUNIEH EARLY TODAY. CEASEFIRE CONDITIONS OF VARIOUS SIDES REMAIN UNCHANGED . MOSLEM LEADERS DISCOUNT PROBABILITY OF PALESTINIAN AGAINST CHRISTIANS IN WEST BEIRUT. END SUMMARY.

2. TELL ZAATAR CONTINUES TO HOLD OUT DESPITE CONCERTED RIGHTIST ASSAULT JULY 1. HOWEVER, KATAEB FORCES HAVE CLEARED FRINGES OF CAMP AND ARE REPORTED TO HAVE ISSUED 48-HOUR ULTIMATUM AT 1500 LOCAL JULY 1 OFFERING SAFE PASSAGE TO LEFTIST/PALESTINIAN LINES FOR THOSE WHO SURRENDER BUT BOMBARDMENT OF CAMP CENTER FOR THOSE REMAINING. WE HAVE NO CONFIDENTIAL

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INFORMATION ON PALESTINIAN RESPONSE. EVEN PALESTINIAN SOURCES NOW SAYING OPENLY THEY CANNOT HOLD OUT MORE THAN FEW DAYS UNDER INTENSE BOMBARDMENT AND IN CONDITIONS OF EXTREME PRIVATION. RIGHTISTS DEMONSTRATE ASSURANCE OF FINAL VICTORY IN THEIR PREOCCUPATION WITH PRISONER QUESTION ONCE CAMP FALLS. RIGHTISTS CLAIM THEY HAVE ALREADY TAKEN SOME 300 PRISONERS AS RESULT OF APPEALS TO CAMP DEFENDERS, BUT WE BELIEVE FIGURE IS CLOSER TO 100. PRISONERS BEING TAKEN TO MURSHAYYA MONASTERY.

3. VIOLENT FIGHTING CONTINUES IN ALL SUBURBAN AREAS NORTHEAST AND SOUTHEAST OF BEIRUT FROM CHLYAH TO JDEYDE AND LAYLAKE TO HAZMIEH. ACTION INCLUDES HEAVY BOMBARDMENTS, HAND TO HAND FIGHTING, AND WHAT NEWSPAPERS CALL "SUICIDE

OPERATIONS." FLAME THROWERS NOW SAID IN USE. PALESTINIANS LAUNCHED LARGE-SCALE OFFENSIVE AGAINST AIN EL-RUMMANEH ON JULY 1 IN ATTEMPT BREAK THROUGH TO RESUPPLY TELL ZAATAR. SEVERAL ASSAULTS FAILED BUT HEAVY FIGHTING CONTINUES IN AREA. FURN EL-SHUBAK SUFFERED HEAVY BOMBARDMENT JULY 1, BUT LULL WHICH BEGAN LATE IN DAY CONTINUES. ASHRAFFEYAH, MANSOURIEH, MKALLES, AND DEKOUANE ALSO SAID HIT BY HEAVY RETURN BOMBARDMENTS. NABAA STILL ENCIRCLED AND BEING HEAVILY BOMBARDED. LEFTIST ADVANCE ON MONTE VERDI ON BEIT MERI ROAD COULD ALSO BE ATTEMPT RELIEVE PRESSURE ON TELL ZAATAR.

4. IF MOST RADICAL CHRISTIAN ELEMENTS PREVAIL, TELL ZAATAR WOULD BE ONLY FIRST OF NUMEROUS PALESTINIAN CAMPS TO BE WIPED OUT. THE "GUARDIANS OF THE CEDAR" STATE THAT THE NEXT STEPS OF THE "LEBANESE WAR OF LIBERATION" WILL BE "AT SABRA, CHATILA, BOURJ BURAJNE, THEN AIN HELOUE... UNTIL THE LAST PALESTINIAN REDOUT." HOWEVER, COOLER HEADS AND PRESENCE OF ARAB LEAGUE CONCILIATION MISSION REPRESENT COUNTERVAILING INFLUENCE.

5. ELSEWHERE NEAR BEIRUT, FIGHTING CONTINUES WITH GROUND SITUATION AND VIOLENCE LEVEL ROUGHLY AS IT WAS 24 HOURS AGO. IN BEIRUT'S CENTRAL CITY, FIGHTING IS HEAVY IN FOCH/ALLENBY AND FATTAL/AJAMI SECTORS AND AROUND PLACE DES CANONS. BOMBARDMENT OF BOTH EAST AND WEST RESIDENTIAL SECTORS CONTINUES, PARTICULARLY THOSE NEAREST CONFIDENTIAL

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TRADITIONAL CONFRONTATION LINE. IN MOUNTAINS, ALEY-KAHALE AREA WAS EMBROILED WITH VIOLENT CLASHES JULY 1. LEFTIST/PALESTINIAN BOMBARDMENT OF KAHALE FOLLOWED BY GROUND OFFENSIVE FROM ALEY BROUGHT CHRISTIAN RESPONSE FROM BEIT MERI.

6. ELSEWHERE IN COUNTRY, SYRIANS FOLLOWING UP SUCCESS AT OUYOUN ES-SIMANE WITH FURTHER PRESSURE ON PALESTINIANS/LEFTISTS, HEATING UP AREA ONCE AGAIN ON AFTERNOON JULY 1. WE UNDERSTAND THERE IS HIGH DEGREE CHRISTIAN/SYRIAN COOPERATION IN THAT ZONE. KATAEB RADIO SAYS TWO UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT OVERFLEW JOUNIEH JULY 1. SIDON CALM JULY 2 AND WE HAVE NO FURTHER INDICATIONS OF SYRIAN ACTION THERE. IN NORTH, ZGHORTA HAS BEEN SEVERELY BOMBARDED AND AREA VERY ACTIVE. WE HAVE AN UNSUBSTANTIATED REPORT OF REVOLT OF SYRIAN UNITS NORTH OF TRIPOLI. ALL KOURA AREA TRADITIONAL FRONTS ARE ACTIVE.

7. AL FORCE COMMANDER EGYPTIAN GENERAL MOHAMMED GHONEIM, AND LONG-AWAITED SAUDI ARABIAN AND SUDANESE CONTINGENTS OF ARAB LEAGUE FORCES ENTERED LEBANON JULY 1, TOTALLING SOME 1300 TROOPS. GROUP ENTERED LEBANON BY ROAD VIA MARJEYOUN AND SIDON WITH SOME 200 VEHICLES AND ARMORED CARS AND HAS NOW JOINED

SYRIAN AND LIBYAN AL CONTINGENTS IN AIRPORT AREA. MARONITE LEADERS SAY THEY APPROVE BOTH SAUDI AND SUDANESE TROOPS AS PART OF AL FORCE WHILE STILL REJECTING LIBYAN PARTICIPATION. ON JULY 1 RADICAL RIGHT-WING GUARDIANS OF THE CEDARS ISSUED STATEMENT DENOUNCING JALLOUJ MISSION AND REJECTING ALL ARAB MILITARY INTERVENTION ESPECIALLY LIBYAN. PROBLEM OF LIBYAN PRESENCE MAY INTENSIFY AS EVTPLDHTOWOVRABIA HAS EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS ON LEGALITY OF LIBYAN PARTICIPATION.

8. AL SEC GEN MAHMOUD RIAD, TUNISIAN AMBASSADOR HABIB CHATTI AND BAHRAIN AMBASSADOR MOHAMMED BEN MOBARAK ARRIVED BEIRUT JULY 2 FROM DAMASCUS. ANNOUNCED PURPOSE OF VISIT IS TO SUPERVISE CEASEFIRE WHICH AL ANNOUNCED FROM CAIRO, BUT WHICH IGNORED BY ALL PARTIES EXCEPT FOR LIP SERVICE IN SOME CASES. AL THREESOME INTENDS BEGIN EFFORTS BY VISIT TO FRANGIE AT KFOUR LATER IN DAY. UNIFIED PALESTINIAN/ LEFTIST COMMAND SAID TO HAVE RESPONDED TO AL CEASEFIRE DECLARATION WITH FOUR POINT STATEMENT  
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1) THEY WOULD RIPOSTE MILITARILY AGAINST "ISOLATIONIST" 99 8589, ; 2) THERE WOULD BE NO CEASEFIRE; 3) THEY HAD GIVEN ORDER FOR TOTAL MOBILIZATION AND 4) THEY REJECTED ALL AL RESOLUTIONS. ON JULY 1 PIERRE GEMAYEL MET WITH AL DEPUTY SEC GEN KHOLI AND FOLLOWED MEETING WITH PREDICTABLE STATEMENT THAT, WITHOUT JUST SETTLEMENT OF PALESTINE PROBLEM, PEACE AND SECURITY OF LEBANON WILL BE FOREVER THREATENED. AL SEC GEN RIAD RESPONDED IN NONCOMMITAL FASHION TO EARLIER MESSAGE FROM RAYMOND EDDE, IN WHICH LATTER HAD OBJECTED TO SYRIAN PARTICIPATION IN AL FORCE. THIS SUGGESTS AL WILL SEEK AVOID CLASH WITH SYRIAN GOVERNMENT.

9. ACTION ON VOCAL FRONT INCLUDES FORMATION BY RAYMOND EDDE OF "NATIONAL FRONT" TO OPPOSE PARTITION OR INTERNATIONALIZATION AND TO SUPPORT CEASEFIRE AND COMPLETE SYRIAN WITHDRAWAL. MEETING JULY 1. INCLUDED EDDE AND DEPUTIES MOUNIR ABOU-FADEL, FOUAD LAHOUD, MIKHAEL DAHER, AND ALBERT MONSOUR. DAHER BELIEVES "NATIONAL FRONT" CAN RECONCILE REASONABLE CHRISTIAN AND MOSLEM LEBANESE ELEMENTS AND FIND ACCOMMODATION WITH PALESTINIANS (ALONG LINES OF CAIRO ACCORDS). RACHID KARAME RESPONDS TO FRANGIE MESSAGE TO AL IN STATEMENT WHICH HOLDS MARONITE LEADERSHIP RESPONSIBLE FOR "TOTAL CATASTROPHE WHICH HAS HIT COUNTRY." KARAME REMINDS AL THAT FRANGIE ALONE DOES NOT SPEAK FOR LEBANON. HE AGREES WITH FRANGIE'S REQUEST TO AL FOR "AN ARAB STATES STRIKE FORCE AND NOT JUST OBSERVERS," BUT SAYS FRANGIE'S GROUP HAS IMPOSED "IMPOSSIBLE AND UNACCEPTABLE CONDITIONS" ON ENTRY OF SUCH A GROUP. PIERRE GEMAYEL HAS REPEATED HIS DEMAND THAT PALESTINIANS BE REDISTRIBUTED TO ENTIRE ARAB WORKS.

10. BEIRUT WATER BUREAU HOLDING OUT HOPE OF INCREASED SUPPLY BUT NO AMELIORATION YET IN SIGHT. KATAEB RADIO SAYS ELECTRICAL REPAIR CREWS NOW AT WORK ON HIGH TENSION CABLES IN MKALLES, WHICH LEAD INTO BEIRUT

11. DE FACTO PARTITION WIDELY SEEN AS BEING ADVANCED BY ANNOUNCEMENT OF SECURITY FOR BEIRUT AND ITS SUBURBS" THAT ADMINISTRATIVE REORGANIZATION WOULD GO INTO EFFECT IN WESTERN BEIRUT. FIRST STEPS REVEALED BY BUREAU HEAD SINAN BARRAGE JULY 1:  
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OFFICE OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION BEING FORMED TO DISTRIBUTE SUPPLIES AND PROVIDE SECURITY TO INSTITUTIONS AND DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS. BEIRUT TO BE DIVIDED INTO 10 POLICE WARDS, EACH WITH A LEBANESE POLICE COMMISSIONER: TEN LEBANESE SECURITY TROOPS, TEN LEBANESE LEFTISTS AND TEN PALESTINIANS. A PRISON HAS BEEN SET UP.

12. AMBASSADOR SEELYE (SEE SEPTELS) HAS BEGUN SERIES OF MEETINGS WITH POLITICAL LADERS IN WEST BEIRUT. AMBASSADOR MET JUNE 30 WITH RACHID KARAME, JULY 1 WITH KAMAL JUMBLATT AND SAEB SALAM, AND PLANS SEE RAYMOND EDDE ON JULY 3. PRESS COVERAGE HAS BEEN GOOD.

13. TWO DAYS AGO AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE AT YARZE (CURRENTLY UNOCCUPIED) TOOK SEVERAL HITS DURING FIGHTING. ACCORDING TO GUARD AT RESIDENCE, GUEST AND SERVANT'S QUARTERS SUFFERED DAMAGE AND FIVE TREES WERE WIPED OUT.  
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